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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING PRESS RPORTS MARCH 6, FONMIN MALIK SAID MARCH 5 THAT IN SPITE OF ASSURANCES FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH THAT US DOES NOT INTEND TO ESTABLISH "MILITARY BAS" ON DIEGO GARCIA, INDONESIA IS WORRIED THAT ISLAND MIGHT LATER BECOME A BASE. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN REMARKS TO REPORTERS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH

PRESIDENT SUHARTO, MALIK SAID DEPUTYMXECRETARY RUSH REASSURED HIM DURING THEIR RECENT MEETING IN JAKARTA THAT USG FUNDS EARMARKED FOR DIEGO GARCIA WERE INTENDED ONLY FOR HARBOR, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES. KOMPAS STORY REPORTED MALIK SAYING, NOTWITHSTANDING THIS ASSURANCE, THAT "INDONESIA WOULD BE CONCERNED IF LATER DIEGO GARCIA SHOULD BECOME A MILITARY BASE." MOST OTHER PAPERS, INCUDING OFFICIAL ANTARA NEWS BULLETIN (BUT NOT ARMY-OWNED DANGKATAN BERENJATA) REPORT THAT MALIK EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT RUSH'S ASSURANCES THAT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD NOT BECOME A MILITARY BASE IN THE FUTURE. ANTARA QUOTED MALIK SAYING HE TOLD RUSH INFO- NESIA HAD NO OBJECTION TO REGULAR HARBOR AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA, BUT ASKED US NOT TO "START AN ARMS RACE IN THE INDONIAN OCEAN."

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